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The Honorable Jim Jordan
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United State House of Representatives

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Chairman The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate The Honorable Jerrold Nadler Chairman The Honorable Doug Collins Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairmen and Ranking Members:

I am writing in response to multiple requests received by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for updates on our ongoing Examination of the Department's and the FBI's Compliance with Legal Requirements and Policies in Applications Filed with the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court Relating to a certain U.S. Person. The OIG has been working diligently on this review since its initiation on March 28, 2018. As in all of our projects, my direction to our team has been to follow the evidence wherever it leads and to complete the review as quickly as possible.

We have made substantial progress towards completing the review. The OIG team has received and reviewed over one million records and conducted over 100 interviews, including current and former DOJ and FBI personnel. Most recently, we have been pursuing opportunities to meet with additional witnesses to ensure that our review is thorough and complete. The review has been complicated by other factors, such as the current classification level of virtually all of the information we have obtained and the fact that many witnesses are no longer government employees. Nevertheless, our investigative work is nearing completion, and we have been in the process of drafting our report for some time.

When our draft report is finished, we will follow our usual process to ensure the accuracy, completeness, and appropriate classification of the report. We will update your Committees on our timing and our estimate for completing and issuing a final report when we are better able to do so. We expect to provide such an update in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your interest in and support for the OIG's work. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Adam Miles, Counselor to the Inspector General, at (202) 514-3435.

Sincerely,

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